

A Timeline of Public Access In Hawaii –10th Anniversary

April 28,1989	◆	"I have never seen such dis a in for the process"; "The problems this year are worse than usual, and we want some solutions before next session" published in Honolulu Star Bulletin
April 30, 1989	◆	"1989 produced the bizarre spectacle of hearings on bills no one had seen . . . 'public' hearings that emerged, unannounced, at 3 in the morning when even the most ardent legislative addict should be asleep; and legislation killed or created in shadowing back rooms where the public never goes." JerryBurris, published in Honolulu Advertiser
June 1989	◆	Position paper on public participation submitted by Common Cause, League of Women Voters, American Assn of University Women, Council of Churches
July 1,1989	◆	Special Legislative Access Committee created by Act 331-89
1990 Legislative Session	◆	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens Guide published* • Toll-free 1-800 numbers offered for neighbor islanders* • Legislative testimony accepted by faxed* • Public parking stalls added in Capitol basement • Capitol print shops adopt citizen hours • Conference committees end by 12:00 midnight* • Public pay-phones installed in Capitol building • Pre-filing of bills started* • Recess day added before final readings*
February 2,1990	◆	ACCESS computer system & AudioACCESS opens to the public
March 6,1990	* ◆	Public Access Room opens in Capitol basement
April 11,1990	◆	Public libraries make ACCESS available and offer free fax service for legislative testimony*
January 1991	◆	Hawaii's Legislative Access Experience published by House Majority Office
January 6,1992	◆	Public Access Room staffed by legislative employees*
January 22,1993	◆	House Finance Committee votes in public*
March 5,1993	◆	House OMR Committee hearing broadcast on Olelo*
January 12,1994	◆	Friends of Access incorporation papers filed
January 19,1994	◆	Senate's opening session broadcast on Olelo*
July 1,1994	◆	Public Access Room made permanent by Act 259-94
January 23,1995	◆	Senate WAM Committee votes in public*
December 1996	◆	State Legislature opens website
July 1,1997	◆	Legislative Broadcast Program made permanent by Act 373-97, and Joint Legislative Access Committee established by Act 174-96
June 24,1998	◆	Sunshine Law oversight given to Office of Information Practices (Act 137-98)
January 21,1999	◆	Senate began providing hearing notices by email
March 17,1999	◆	Citizen's 'open mic' tv program taped in PAR for airing on Olelo*
January 21,2000	◆	Bills introduced to fund video streaming and 2nd full-time PAR staff (SB 2354 and HB 2194)

